

M'ADOO HITS
AT RASKOB'S
WET ACTION

Predicts Disastrous Defeat in Election of 1932 if Liquor Favored.

EMPLOYMENT IS
BIG ISSUE, CLAIM

While McAdoo Scores Democratic Leader, Joutet Opens Presidential Campaign.

LOS ANGELES, April 8 (AP)—William G. McAdoo in a letter today, warning the Democratic party of a "certain and disastrous" defeat in the presidential election of 1932 if it adopts the policies "advocated by Chairman Raskob."

The letter was written in reply to an invitation to McAdoo to act as vice chairman of a committee which will plan a reception here on April 13 for Joutet Shouse, chairman of the party's national executive committee.

McAdoo deprecated the importance placed by Raskob on the question of liquor at a time when the country is facing a crisis of eighteen million people living largely without means of existence.

"Is liquor," he asked, "the Democratic answer to this vital problem? If it is then the party is too impoverished in ideas to enter even a single race."

"To impinge the next national campaign, as he (Raskob) proposes, upon the restoration of the liquor traffic, to the subordination of the grave economic and social problems now tearing at the vitals of Democracy and imperiling the welfare of the people of the United States," McAdoo wrote, "would be fatuous in the extreme."

"Relegating liquor will not put food into a single hungry mouth nor provide employment for the great army of jobless men and women in the U. S."

"Moreover," he made liquor the chief plank in the next national platform to fight a sham battle because the 18th amendment is here to stay anyway and the party should recognize it the better for Democratic usefulness.

Question up to States
"But if the fight is to continue, the proponents of repeal should claim their remedy by applying their own doctrine. Let each state, in the exercise of its rights demand, if it wants to, that congress call a constitutional convention to repeal the amendment. This will leave the question to the states, where it properly belongs, and will take it out of national conventions, which are powerless to do anything about it."

"We ought to say that the Democratic party, standing firmly for law and order, will if entrusted with power, devote itself to a solution of the unemployment problem so that self-respecting men and women, eager and able to work, shall have the opportunity to do so."

"In this depression period of feeble and ineffective leadership at Washington,"

EGG THROWER
IS INNOCENT,
JURY DECIDES

OREGON CITY, Apr. 8 (AP)—While the records appear to be clear on the point that an egg was thrown, and that the egg was over-ripe, it didn't take a police court jury long to determine that the man accused of hurling it was innocent.

So on the first ballot the jury last night acquitted Mark Sullivan, former fire captain, of the charge of hurling the egg on the city's most handsome fire truck as the vehicle streaked down the main street recently, with siren open, announcing the spring opening celebration.

Maurice Kinsed, volunteer driver, over whose head the egg showered, signed the complaint against Sullivan, he said, but testified he did so upon the suggestion of Fire Chief Surfus and City Manager Franz.

Keen interest in the affair was based not so much on the actual throwing of the odorous egg, but on a timbering feud between former firemen and active members of the department. Sullivan was one of the men ousted when Surfus went in as chief, a year ago.

Two Men Fined In
Municipal Court

Two fines were assessed yesterday afternoon in municipal court on liquor charges, and neither prisoner paid.

Jack Kerstinger, held on a possession of liquor charge, was fined \$150, and W. H. Thomas, charged with drunkenness, was fined \$25.

WEATHER FORECAST
Oregon: Fair tonight and Thursday.
Local frosts in the interior.
Moderate northwest winds offshore.

British Public
Encouraged By
Today's Report

King George, Ill of Sub-Acute Bronchitis, Shows Slight Improvement, Medics Say.

WINDSOR, Eng., Apr. 8 (AP)—The British public, which had been awaiting not without certain anxiety news from the sick room of the monarch, was heartened this forenoon by an official statement that there was a slight improvement in condition of King George.

His majesty had been suffering since last Sunday from a chest cold, which yesterday was designated in an official bulletin as an attack of sub-acute bronchitis.

In view of yesterday's announcement that his progress was satisfactory had been slow, today's statement from his castle residence that there had been an improvement was regarded as a favorable sign.

Several days needed, however, that a condition like that of the king must take some time to clear up, at least, medics say.

His majesty, it was learned, is still up and about his room.

He was favored today by an improvement in the weather, there being bright periods when the sun streamed brightly through the castle windows.

His physicians, Lord Dawson of Penn, Sir William Rees and Dr. Henry Martyn, all attended here today.

Queen Leeds Aid
Queen Mary, whose unremitting care in the critical days of two years ago played so great a part in the king's recovery, went on helping to keep his majesty cheerful.

The queen has spent many hours (Continued on Page Five)

Award Creamery
Contract; Bid
Of \$5715 Lowest

By Mrs. L. Z. Ferrall
(Observer Correspondent)

UNION, Ore., Apr. 8 (Special)—The building committee of the Farmers' Co-operative here yesterday awarded a contract to the creamery of Payette to build a new creamery here.

The contract was awarded to Jack Lowe, of Weiser, who had an even bid of \$5715, the lowest of the five submitted on April 1.

The committee looked over the city plant, staked off the ground and made other preliminary arrangements.

The new creamery will be 50 by 84 feet. Work will be started as soon as the deeds have been recorded.

The members of the building committee who were here were: J. C. Supler, president of the Farmers' Co-operative, H. N. Johnson, Mr. Coates and W. B. Wagner, manager of the Payette creamery. Mr. Lowe, contractor, was also here.

The monthly directors' meeting will be held here Friday the 10th instead of in Payette.

Class Meet To
Begin Tomorrow
At High School

In spite of the weather outlook, the La Grande high school class track and field meet will be held tomorrow and Thursday, Coach Ir. Woodie said today.

Confronted with participation in a quadrangular meet at Pendleton, Saturday, Apr. 18, must get a definite line on his men, so the class meet—furnishing actual competition for all who are out for track—will be his big chance to pick a team.

Fair weather indicated in a letter and all the usual 14 events will be run off, probably seven each afternoon in order to avoid strain on the city's most beautiful track.

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Today the outlook was somewhat better, with the weather man promising fair weather tonight and tomorrow, although announcing frosts for the eastern half of the state.

James Hammond To
Speak at Banquet

Indications today were that both the Rotary club, host, and the Lions club, guest, would have a very high percentage of membership in attendance at tonight's dinner at the La Grande hotel at 6:30 o'clock.

The main speaker will be James Hammond, national field secretary of the Izak Walton League.

Mr. Hammond's appearance here is in connection with a Northwest tour he is completing.

Idaho Population
98 Per Cent White

WASHINGTON, Apr. 8 (AP)—Idaho's population was shown to be 98 per cent white with 71 per cent of the residents of native parentage in an analysis made today by the census bureau.

The population comprised 437,562 white persons, 698 negroes, 1278 Mexicans, 3638 Indians, 335 Chinese, 1421 Japanese, 97 Filipinos, 21 Koreans, 7 Hindus and 5 Hawaiians.

Woman Kills One
Child, Wounds Two

COLORADO SPRINGS, Colo., Apr. 8 (AP)—After locking her invalid husband in a bedroom, Mrs. Christina Volgin, 38, early today shot and killed her daughter, Anna, 13, fatally wounded a son, Sam, 15, and slightly wounded another daughter, Mary, 19.

Rosendahl Will
Command Dirigible

WASHINGTON, April 8 (AP)—Lieutenant Commander Charles E. Rosendahl today was designated commanding officer of the navy's new dirigible, the Akron, now nearing completion.

FARM BOARD
FAILS, GRAIN
LEADER SAYS

James C. Murray, President of Chicago Board of Trade, Sees "Menace."

INTERFERENCE IS
FUTILE, HE AVERS

Ablly Managed by Honest Men, But to no Avail, He Tells Chicago Commercial Group.

CHICAGO, Apr. 8 (AP)—President James C. Murray, of the Chicago board of trade, declared today that the stabilization program of the farm board "has failed completely in the attempt to maintain the markets on any satisfactory level."

In an address before the Chicago association of commerce, he said the farm board's operations "have only resulted in accumulations which are a menace to the coming crops."

"Passage of the agricultural marketing act intended to be of benefit to the farmer has admittedly failed of its purpose. Ablly managed by honest men interested in the working out of a definite scheme of farm relief, the operation of the act has again demonstrated the futility of interference with the normal action and reaction to supply and demand," he declared.

Not a Success, He Says
Through the act, he said, the government has advanced "large sums for the purpose of building up cooperative companies, under obligation to market their grain through the single channel approved by the farm board." But it has been clearly demonstrated in the experience of other countries that "the unit system of marketing 'high one nation' success, and carrying a wide public cost is the only sound and safe means of disposing of staple crops."

Mr. Murray said the board of trade (Continued on Page Eight)

FIRST THUNDER
STORM OF YEAR

La Grande "Treated" to
Nearly Every Kind of
Weather Yesterday

April weather in the Grande Ronde valley can be one of many things, or all, yesterday was all. An earth quake would have completed the picture.

This morning, when the local weather bureau checked up, it was found that an even half an inch of moisture resulted from rain, snow, hail, etc. The first thunder storm, accompanied by hail, to visit the La Grande area this year, swept across the city late yesterday afternoon.

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Hoover Designates
Child Health Day

WASHINGTON, Apr. 8 (AP)—President Hoover touched upon a subject in which he is intensely interested today in issuing a proclamation designating May day as child health day.

The chief executive requested the governors of the states to declare May day as a time for consideration of all measures for the health of children. He called attention to the "children's charter" formulated by the White House conference on child health and protection.

Royal Wedding In
Palermo, Sicily

PALMERO, Sicily, Apr. 8 (AP)—Prince Francis of Paris and Princess Isabelle of Orleans and Braganca, both descendants of the last king of France, were married here this forenoon in a ceremony witnessed by many of the highest aristocracy and nobility of Europe.

The ceremony was performed by Cardinal Lavitrano, archbishop of Palermo, who at first had withdrawn in protest of the holy see against animosity of two editors considered inimical to the church.

Boy Gives Savings
To Help The Needy

MARTINSBURG, W. Va., Apr. 8 (AP)—Little Martin Cushman, struggling with a heavy sack, scrambled into Martinsburg's social service mission.

Here are some pennies for you to help feed the poor people with," he stammered.

There were fourteen hundred and fifty of them, his savings for three years.

Supreme Chancellor Leslie Crouch
To Visit K. P. Meeting Here Friday

Supreme Chancellor Leslie Crouch, who is the head of the Knights of Pythias order in the United States and Canada, will be in La Grande Friday evening for a meeting of the district of Pythias.

At 6 o'clock in the Sacramento Inn, visitors, in addition to the members from this district, which includes Union and Wallawall counties, are expected from Grant, Baker and Umatilla counties to hear Mr. Crouch deliver the main address of the evening.

H. E. Dixon, grand chancellor of the state of Oregon, will introduce the speaker. Bruce Cox, Wallawa, is to act as supreme master of arms and escort the visiting official.

The program, as outlined by the committee, includes the invocation, by Rev. R. C. Lee, of Union; Mr. Crouch will present veterans' jewels to members of the order from Elgin for 25 years of service.

Musical numbers will be furnished by the K. P. quartet, composed of

Rural Schools
Weakest Link,
Cooper States

Teachers at Spokane For Inland Empire Meetings Hear U. S. Commissioner of Education.

SPOKANE, Wash., Apr. 8 (AP)—W. J. Cooper, U. S. commissioner of education, said today "The rural school is the weakest link in the American educational system."

"They should be equipped to teach economics to rural dwellers, he told the Inland Empire education association convention.

"The problem of citizenship are becoming increasingly economic. Schools in the rural districts, where knowledge of economics is most needed, seldom teach it. The farmer reasons that if he gets one dollar for a bushel of wheat he should get two dollars for two, three dollars for three and so on. His arithmetic is perfect, his economics is nil."

"The rural schools are weak because they pay the smallest and they get the poorest teachers. Their boards are too apt to catering to the teachers, when the average rural resident is far from an expert in education."

Educators from Montana, Idaho, Oregon and Washington converged on Spokane today to attend the 33rd annual meeting of the association.

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BAZAAR PLANE
CRASH CAUSED
BY WEATHER

WASHINGTON, April 8 (AP)—The tiny fighter, weather has official blame for the airplane crash that killed Coach Knute Rockne and seven others at Bazaar, Kansas, on March 31.

After saying unofficially that ice broke the plane propeller, the commerce department asserted yesterday that a coating of sleet on the wings of the plane apparently was responsible for the mishap.

In formal findings the department said its aeronautics inspector found evidence which indicated weather was the "primary cause of the accident."

After the plane did not receive radio reports from Wichita, Kansas, that the weather was clear at that point, the statement said, he probably attempted to get above the clouds.

"In doing so," the findings said, "it is thought that ice collected on the plane and possibly rendered inoperative certain instruments that function through the air stream."

"Without these instruments to assist the pilot, the plane apparently went into a steep dive."

Embezzler Given
110 Years In Pen

WEST POINT, Neb., April 8 (AP)—Paul Wupper, whom the state charges embezzled a million dollars from the bank at Bremer, Neb., today pleaded guilty to 20 counts of forgery in district court here and was sentenced to a total of 110 years in the state penitentiary. He was fined \$500 on each count.

100,000 Women
Of Finland Ask
Dry Law Repeal

HELSINKI, Finland, Apr. 8 (AP)—A petition signed by over 100,000 women of Finland, asking speedy repeal of the country's prohibition law, is to be presented to the president of the republic during the next few days.

Declaring themselves to be "advocates of true temperance," the women in their petition express anxiety over the fate of future generations because of what they alleged to be a continuous spread of drunkenness under the present dry statute.

"We feel ourselves powerless," the women declare in the petition, "while prohibition, with its destructive moral consequences exists, instead of a simple law for controlling consumption of alcohol, to begin truly effective temperance work."

The women who initiated the petition maintain that the prohibition law in Finland has resulted in an increase of smuggling, in crime and drunkenness.

Prohibition in Finland, the petition said, is supported only by "fanatics and bootleggers."

Three Plunge Down
Mile-High Slope

VIENNA, April 8 (AP)—For 20 hours three youths maintained a precarious perch 6,800 feet up on the glassy, slippery slope of Grossen Furstein, while they shouted to make their voices heard to a rescue crew climbing up to aid them.

Before dawn today, exhausted, they gave up the fight, released their hold and slid to death at the foot of a rocky crevasse, many thousand feet below.

The relief crew, which had been nearly up to them, recovered their bodies.

Tooze-Brown Trial
To Begin Tomorrow

PORTLAND, Apr. 8 (AP)—The Tooze-Brown liquor conspiracy trial will go to trial in federal court here tomorrow before Judge James Alger Fee and Judge Charles C. Cavanaugh today.

Pete Aepfers, one of the defendants in the case, entered a guilty plea to the conspiracy count of the indictment when he appeared before Judge Fee yesterday. Sentence was deferred.

Third Negro Gets
Death Sentence

SCOTTSBORO, Ala., Apr. 8 (AP)—Haywood Patterson, 17-year-old negro, was convicted by a jury today of participating with eight other negroes in attacks on two young white girls, and was sentenced to die in the electric chair.

CHICAGO PICKS NEW MAYOR



Anton Cermak (above) defeated William Hale Thompson in the race for mayor of Chicago according to a count of the votes cast in yesterday's election. Cermak is a Democrat—a Bohemian-born ruler of his party in Cook county. Cermak's slogan was: "Sweep the city hall clean of crime."

Will Circulate
Petitions For
Old Age Pension

SALEM, Apr. 8 (AP)—The names of 17,089 voters will be sought on the initiative petition for an old age pension law, the campaign to be conducted under the leadership of Frank E. Davis, of Salem, and 19 others.

The signature of this number will place the initiative upon the ballot in 1932. The petitioners have until about July 1, 1932, to get the eight per cent of the vote cast for the supreme court judges at the last election for this initiative.

The "initiative" papers for the initiative were filed with the secretary of state late yesterday. It now goes to the attorney general for a ballot title. Davis said petitions would be circulated today.

The act would provide that all persons 60 years of age, who have lived in the United States 15 years, in Oregon 10 years and in the county where application is made one year, shall be eligible if the need is determined. The pension shall not exceed \$12 per day.

Hoover's Speech
Editorial Scores

ST. THOMAS, Virgin Island, April 8 (AP)—The newspaper, St. Thomas Mail, in an editorial captioned "an ill-mannered visitor," declared today the islands were "no poorhouse" when they were acquired by the United States, but the application of "unstable federal laws" made them so.

"Thus any American," the editorial continues, "who insultingly alludes to the Virgin Islands today as a poorhouse can only be devoid of decency, even though that individual be the president of the United States. He should have known better than to wound the susceptibilities of a loyal people."

Cut Worm Causes
Loss In Nebraska

ALLIANCE, Neb., April 8 (AP)—A type of cut worm, which farmers said had destroyed more than 1,000 acres of wheat in the vicinity of Homestead, Neb., caused grain farmers in this section much concern. Armies of the worms moved across wheat fields making swaths 15 to 20 feet wide in a day.

The state agricultural college station said the mild winter had permitted eggs to hatch, whereas they generally were frozen.

Wheat Today

CHICAGO, Apr. 8 (AP)—Prospects of extensive insect damage to domestic winter wheat stirred up buying demand today for wheat futures deliveries, and tended to lift prices. Another handicap to wheat bulls was a forecast of rain or snow throughout the greater part of the winter and spring wheat belts.

When the market was unchanged to cents higher, corn 3/4 cents off to 3/4 cents up, oats at 1/2 cent decline to 1/2 cent advance, and provisions 5 to 10 cents down.

Bowles And Irma
Plead Guilty In
Statutory Case

Portland Millionaire Sportsmen and Former Secretary Each Fined \$300 Today.

PORTLAND, Ore., Apr. 8 (AP)—Nelson C. Bowles, millionaire sportsman, and Miss Irma Loucks, his former secretary, today pleaded guilty to statutory pharages and were fined \$300 each.

The two were acquitted last month on a charge of having murdered Bowles' wife, Mrs. Leone C. Bowles, society matron.

The last chapter today's arraignment was the last chapter in the affair which started last Nov. 12 with the death of Mrs. Bowles in Miss Loucks' apartment, with a knife blade in her heart.

After today's session had concluded Bowles, Miss Loucks and George Loucks, her brother, left the courtroom together. After waiting with them for two blocks Bowles tipped his hat and parted.

The morals charges against the two were brought before the jury under a complaint was issued, when in their statements to police the two

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Bandit Shoots
Three In Store
Before Capture

CHICAGO, April 8 (AP)—One man was shot to death, two were wounded, perhaps fatally, and several hundred customers in Marshall Field & Co. were thrown into panic yesterday afternoon, when a lone, middle-aged robber attempted to escape after holding up and robbing a restaurant manager.

The robber, who gave his name as Fred Smith, 47, a jobless machinist, was booked today on charges of murder and robbery.

The man slain was Casimir Krasinski, 37, the proprietor of a flower stand on the landing of the elevated station at Randolph street and Wabash Avenue. He was hit by five bullets as he stood near his stand.

The shooting started in front of John Gallaga, manager of a restaurant, and Miss Dorothy Woodburn, cashier of the restaurant, who were on their way to deposit the morning's receipts of \$1,067 in the bank.

After taking the canvas bag containing the money from Gallaga at the point of a pistol, Smith started away when James Dewey, a bystander, suddenly drew a revolver and began firing at Smith.

Krasinski was caught by bullets from both pistols. Dewey was likewise shot in the shoulder.

Unscathed, Smith darted over the ramp leading into Field's with the crowd following in full cry. "Get that man," the woman cried, "he's a killer, but his gun's unloaded. Grab him!"

Hearing her, Paul Townsend, 19, one of the store's bill collectors, leaped onto the robber. Smith started the gunman shot and wounded Townsend, and resumed his flight.

As Hugo Buck, another clerk, started to leap on Smith, the gunman pulled the trigger of his pistol but it was empty. He fled down a circular stairway to the basement, where he encountered Mrs. Sarah Heathersly, a bargain counter clerk, who promptly grabbed him by the neck.

The gunman as promptly hit her over the head with his empty revolver. She fell unconscious.

But by this time, Buck and Henry Miller, another clerk, had leaped upon him and he was buried beneath a mob of clerks and customers.

Request Data From
3 Power Companies

PORTLAND, April 8 (AP)—John E. Mathews of Portland, district manager of a chain store company, has been ordered to appear in Pendleton next Monday for a hearing on an involuntary manslaughter charge against him.

Mathews was arrested here late yesterday for questioning in connection with an automobile fatality near Pendleton. He furnished bail of \$2,500.

A secret indictment was returned against him by the Umatilla county grand jury in connection with the death of Harley Maynard, 8 years old, who was struck by an automobile March 4.

Request Data From
3 Power Companies

SALEM, Ore., Apr. 8 (AP)—Information as to capitalization, operating revenue, revenue deductions, income and depreciation was requested by Charles M. Thomas, public utilities commissioner, of three power companies now under investigation. The information was requested as an aid to the probe being carried on.

The companies asked to give this information are the California & Oregon Power company, the Mountain States Power company and the Pacific Power & Light company. Orders for their investigation were issued during the past few weeks.

O. S. C. Student Is
Third In Contest

SEATTLE, April 8 (AP)—Irvin Rosenblatt Jr., of Stanford university, won first place in the finals of the extemporaneous speaking contest of the Pacific Forensic League at the University of Washington here last night.

James Bell, University of Washington, was second, and Gordon Winks, Oregon State college, was third.

TRAIN OPERATION CHANGED

PORTLAND, April 8 (AP)—Effective April 26, the Southern Pacific train Oregonian, will operate only between Ashland and Portland, James A. Ormandy, passenger traffic manager, said today. The train now runs between Corbett, Col., and Portland.

CERMAK NEW
MAYOR; BIG
BILL OUSTED

Chicago Sweeps Thompson Out of Office With Avalanche of Votes.

MAYOR-ELECT IS
PLANNING CLEANUP

"Criminals Will Find No Hiding Place Here. Our Streets Will Be Safe," He Promises.

CHICAGO, Apr. 8 (AP)—The political career of William Hale Thompson as mayor, today lay buried beneath a record-breaking blanket of votes which elevated to the mayoralship, Anton J. Cermak, one time immigrant boy from Bohemia.

"Big Bill," the builder, and a past master of the art of American poli-

tics, was swept out of office by the Democratic opponent by the overwhelming majority of 191,916, thus becoming the worst beaten mayoralty candidate in the history of the city. The vote, Thompson, 57,413; Cermak, 667,629, was in sharp contrast to the previous record majority of 147,477 by which Thompson won in 1915.

Business Man
Faces Death
Charge Today

PORTLAND, April 8 (AP)—John E. Mathews of Portland, district manager of a